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A Fish Story

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Jolly old Farmer Al Falfa, is as good a skipper as he is an agriculturist. Upon the whaling ship "Marymac", Farmer Al whiles away time by playing his accordion. His music is full of pep, and all the animals pair off and dance the latest steps. Henry Cat is the only one who cannot find a partner, but he remembers that Polly Parrot is in a cage below deck. The crafty Cat takes a can opener and removes the bottom of the cage. Then he drags poor Polly up on deck and dances with her. From the Grow's Nest, Fido locates Willie Whale and shouts his discovery down to Farmer Al. Meanwhile, a Duck is enjoying a bath upon a spout of water sent skyward by the Whale. As the Whale approaches the vessel, Farmer Al loads a cannon and shoots a spear at Willie. Farmer Al is not an expert marksman and the spear just tickles the big fish on the head. The giant raises himself out of the water and shakes his fist at Al. Then, he suddenly decides upon revenge and goes after the boat. "Marymac" is a thoroughly frightened ship. She turns right around in her course and speeds away. Farmer Al grips the wheel with steady hand to guide the terrified ship. The Whale gains upon him and snaps his mighty jaws almost in Al's face. When Willie gets too near the boat Al runs back and kicks the Whale in the face. Then the skipper tries to push the fish away but loses his footing and splashes down into the ocean. Al swims under water but fails to evade the Whale. It is not long before Willie catches Al in his jaws. With his lunch at hand the Whale swims ashore and prepares to eat the Farmer. Al has a mighty pair of lungs and his cries for help are broadcasted far and wide. The Radio antenna at the Point Johah Life Saving Station catches the S.O.S. A life saver responds immediately and boards a whale speed-boat. This sea contrivance has an exterior exactly resembling a Whale. The life saver peddles his fastest and soon reaches the lonely shore where Farmer Al is about to meet his doom. The would-be rescuer jumps out of his boat and rushes ashore. But, just at this moment, Farmer Al struggles out of the Whale's jaws, holding on to the fish's tongue. With a mighty swing he throws the Whale over his head and turns him inside-out. The foregoing is the story Farmer Al relates in the general store to the consternation of his hearers. The fish story is such a "whopper" that his hearers throw Al out of the store. He rolls down onto the dock and into the water. Strange as it may seem, just at this moment a giant Whale swims up and gives Al a race for his life. This turn of affairs emphasises the moral that "Truth is stranger than fiction."

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